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A NEW ORDINANCE BY MR. CURTIS

Primarily Aimed to Compel Close Inspection of
Accounts—Limits Chairman's Power

To remedy an apparent defect in the ordinance authorizing the mayor to appoint the several committees of the common council, Councilman Curtis has prepared and will introduce an ordinance at the next regular meeting of the council. Ordinance 1067 was passed in 1889, and only provides for the duties of the committees on streets and public ways and health and police, ways and means and wharves and water frontage.

There are no restrictions in the ordinance concerning the purchasing of supplies. It has been the custom for any employee of the city to buy anything his heart desired and "Charge it to Dad." Bills are referred to the various committees, approved often without careful inspection, a majority of the committee knowing absolutely nothing as to the necessity of the supplies or the cost thereof. Instances are of record where the city is charged more for supplies than ordinary individuals.

It is to obviate this method of transaction of the business affairs of the city, by regulating the purchasing of supplies, requiring a majority of the committee to sign all requisitions and not give the sole power of the department in the hands of the chairman of the committee that Mr. Curtis will introduce the ordinance.

Under the proposed ordinance no person in the city employ, or any officer, can purchase supplies without a requisition signed by a majority of the committee. Committees are required to meet on the day of the council meeting, examine into all claims and matters referred to them. As has been the custom, many bills were referred to the various committees when they reached the council chamber for the meeting and they did not have the time to consider them. The proposed ordinance also contains other provisions of importance and in full reads as follows:

Ordinance No. —
An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to appoint the several committees of the Common Council and providing and prescribing their duties and the suspension of officers.

The City of Astoria does ordain as follows:

Section 1:—That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to appoint the following standing committees of the common council of the city of Astoria at the first meeting of the Common Council in January of each year, or as soon thereafter as convenient: A Committee on Ways and Means, a Committee on Streets and Public Ways, a Committee on Fire and Water, a Committee on Health

and Police, a Committee on Public Property, a Committee on Wharves and Water Frontage and a Committee on Judiciary.

Section 2:—Such committees shall consist of three members and shall have such powers and duties as is prescribed by ordinance.

Section 3:—The Committee on Ways and Means shall have charge of the finances of the city, and at the first meeting of the Common Council in December of each year, shall prepare an estimate of the approximate receipts and expenditures of the city for the ensuing year, and in conjunction with the Committee on Judiciary shall have supervision over all disputed claims against the city, and perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned to it.

Section 4:—The Committee on Streets and Public Ways, shall in addition to the powers now prescribed by ordinances of the city, have the power to suspend any officer belonging to the street department, for the causes and in the manner in this ordinance provided; to order the repair of streets, sewers and sidewalks; to authorize the Superintendent of Streets to employ such additional help, necessary and to perform such other work as shall from time to time be assigned to it by the Common Council. In the employment of help the committee shall report the same to the Common Council, who shall fix their compensation. All materials and supplies purchased shall only be purchased on a requisition stating cost and for what purpose to be used, which requisition must be signed by a majority of the committee.

Section 5:—The Committee on Fire and Water, shall in addition to the duties now prescribed by ordinance, have power, and it shall be their duty to have general supervision over the Fire Department and see that the officers of the department perform their respective duties, and perform such other work as may be from time to time prescribed by the Common Council. They shall have the power to appoint a Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and all drivers, engineers and extramens as shall be reported to the Common Council and confirmed by it. No supplies for the Fire Department shall be purchased without a requisition, signed by a majority of the committee, stating the supplies needed and the probable cost, which said requisition shall be recommended by the Chief Engineer.

Section 6:—The Committee on Health and Police shall have supervisory control over the health, peace and good order of the city, and over the health officer and plumbing inspector. No supplies for the department shall be purchased without a requisition signed by a majority of the committee, stating the supplies necessary and the probable cost thereof. They shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned to it.

Section 7:—The Committee on Public Property shall have supervisory control over all property of the city, make all necessary repairs to any building or fixtures, have general charge of the City Hall, Cemetery and all buildings belonging to the city. No supplies shall be purchased by the committee without a requisition, signed by a majority of the committee, stating the supplies necessary and the probable cost thereof.

Section 8:—The Committee on Wharves and Water Frontage shall have supervisory control over all wharves and public landings of the city and perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned to it.

Section 9:—The Judiciary Committee shall have charge of all litigation in which the city is interested. All claims for damages, rebates for street or sewer assessments, shall be referred to it. They shall have power and authority to investigate any and all claims against the city and to employ whatever legal assistance that may be necessary and with consent of the Common Council. The committee shall have power and authority to codify and publish the charter and ordinances of the city, when authorized so to do by the Common Council. The Mayor and City Attorney shall be ex-officio members of the Judiciary Committee. The committee shall prepare all amendments to the city charter and perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned to it.

Section 10:—In case of the suspension of any officer by a committee such committee shall, within 24 hours, furnish to the Council, by filing the same with the auditor and police judge, written charges against such officer suspended, specifying the grounds of the suspension and within said time, the chairman shall serve a written copy of the charges upon the accused. The charges shall be referred by the Common Council to the Committee on Judiciary, who shall investigate the charges and report their findings in writing to the Common Council. The accused shall have the right to appear and defend the charges, in person and by an attorney. If the accused be found guilty of the charges, offenses or malfeasance, inattention or incompetence, he may be reprimanded, suspended or removed from his office or position in the discretion of the Common Council. If he be found not guilty, he shall be reinstated. If the accused be reinstated, he shall draw pay from the date of his suspension; if he be removed or suspended, his pay shall cease from the date of his suspension by the committee.

Section 11:—All committees herein provided for, shall meet on the day of the meeting of the Common Council and investigate all matters and claims referred to them. They may hold special meetings at such times as may be necessary to transact any business of the city. All claims and demands against the city must be filed with the auditor and police judge prior to the day of the regular meetings of the Common Council and by the auditor and police judge turned over to the proper committees for investigation.

Section 12:—Fever Sores.
Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Section 13:—Burial of Father John.
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AMUSEMENTS

MISS ROBERTS TONIGHT.

The archaic laws of England, the legal rock upon which all modern law is founded, furnish an inexhaustible number of strange instances of unaccountable "wists and unjust complications that prove, in novels and upon the stage, insurmountable obstacles to the happiness and progress of the British Isles, though their inhabitants, in real life seem to be fairly happy and progressive in spite of them. Charles Dickens played luridly upon them with the lights of his satire, pathos and humor; innumerable authors and playwrights have employed them as a central theme in their writings, and now Seymour Obermer, a new figure in the ranks of dramatists uses their curious and unjust divorce laws as the pivotal motive of a drama called "The House of Bondage", the title applying to the condition of the English married woman, tied to an unfaithful husband, from whom she cannot obtain full release until she proves physical cruelty in addition to the infidelity.

The central conditions of "The House of Bondage", which Miss Florence Roberts and her company will present at the Astoria Theatre tonight have been ingeniously contrived to bring about the dramatist's illustration of his point. The triangle has been used frequently of late as a mathematical figure of speech to illustrate the plays written about a husband, a wife and another man. Here the mathematical figure must be altered to a quadrangle, as there are presented not only the husband, wife and another man, but another woman as well. The most refreshing frankness exists among the four regarding the situation, the

quadrangle is ingeniously bisected by making the other man a surgeon who must operate on the brain of the husband, the interest is skillfully suspended by the doubt as to whether his knife is going to slip or not, and the play is finished by the other woman getting the husband a place in the English cabinet, whereupon the wife leaves him forever, warning him that if he does not use his newly acquired political power to amend the divorce laws in six months, she will ignore the laws and live openly with the man she loves.

John Cort has surrounded Miss Roberts this season with a supporting company of more than usual excellence. Miss Roberts of course plays the role of the wife, which affords her every opportunity for the display of those great emotional powers which have won for her an acknowledged eminence in roles of a certain sort. Arthur Forrest plays the husband—the same Arthur Forrest who in many a Richard, Mansfield production nearly wrestled laurels from the lamented tragedian, Thurlow Bergen, ever able and engaging, plays "the other man," Macy Bertrand, Hallet Bosworth and Harry Gibbs are all well known players who contribute to an uncommonly fine performance.

THE GREAT DIVIDE.

"The Great Divide" is to be presented under the direction of Henry Miller at the Astoria Theatre next Friday. A superb cast of talented players has been provided, and the entire production will be given here just as during the phenomenal run of over 500 nights in New York. The striking originality and unquestioned dramatic appeal of "The Great Divide" easily explain the unprecedented furor which William Vaughn Moody's masterful play has caused wherever the English language is understood. No play in the history of American drama has received such reviews.

BABES IN TOYLAND.

Glen MacDonough wrote the lyrics and the words of the dialogue in "Babes in Toyland", and Victor Herbert never wrote more tuneful music than that in which these gems have been set.

"Babes in Toyland" has been declared to be the only real success in the musical department of things theatrical and there has been no successful contradiction of the claim.

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